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DRUGS EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether several types of experiments/trials which are demanded by the Drug authorities to be carried out on animals have become obsolete and have even been proved to be useless in ascertaining safety of the product;

(b) If so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken to remove these mandatory experiments which have become outdated ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. Animal pharmacology, animal toxicological experiments etc. with New Drugs are required to be carried out as per norms prescribed under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules (Schedule-Y). These norms are reviewed periodically to ensure their relevance with current practices. Internationally, Drug Regulatory Authorities follow similar norms for animals/pre-clinical experiments to establish product safety and efficacy.